

very many owners where there is a chance of any money being made all along these lines. If my hon. friend wants to apply the closure he is welcome to adopt that procedure.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I move that the preamble be amended by adding the word "first" before the word "schedule" in the fifth line.

Mr. CANNON: If the minister moves for further consideration on Monday I am perfectly willing to wait until then to say what I have to say.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I beg to move that further consideration of the preamble be postponed until Monday.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the title carry?

Mr. MEIGHEN: I beg to give notice that at the next sitting of the Committee of the Whole House upon this Bill I shall move that the further consideration of clauses 2, 3, 16, 20, 21, 22, 29 and proposed clauses 31 and 32, first schedule and proposed second schedule, preamble and title of this Bill, shall be the first business of the Committee and shall not further be postponed.

Progress reported.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Reid the House adjourned at 2.50 a.m.

Monday, April 28, 1919.

The House met at Three o'clock.

**AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT—
VOUCHERS FOR OVERSEAS
PAYMENTS.**

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Acting Prime Minister): The hon. member for Chateauguay-Huntingdon (Mr. Robb) inquired on Friday respecting the audit of the expenditures of the Overseas Department of Militia and Defence. I promised to obtain the information desired, which I now have in a letter from Major-General Fiset, Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, reading as follows:

With regard to Mr. Robb's question: Page 218zz, Auditor General's Report, 1917-18. The Auditor General has just informed me that the vouchers covering the items, Overseas Department Militia and Defence amounting to \$115,381,243.71 have just begun to arrive in Canada, and there are several carloads of them. It will take the Auditor General's staff many months before the details can possibly be published, but all these accounts have been

audited overseas to the satisfaction of the Auditor General.

The main part of this expenditure is for pay and allowances.

**DOMINION FOREST RESERVES AND
PARKS ACT AMENDMENT.**

Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Minister of the Interior) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 79, to amend the Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act.

Mr. D. D. MCKENZIE: Explain.

Mr. MEIGHEN: This Bill is of a corrective character only, and involves no departure in principle. It provides among other things for confiscation of goods illegally used in the parks in violation of the regulations; also for the granting of surface rights to the province of British Columbia in the case of applications that came in before the order in council of 1890 confirming an agreement between the province and the Dominion respecting forest reserves. I do not think there is any other clause as important as those two.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CITY OF LEVIS AQUEDUCT.

Mr. BOURASSA:

1. What is the amount of costs paid by the Government for lawyers' fees, disbursements, and the incidental expenses of the Privy Council resulting from the lawsuit for water furnished by the aqueduct of the city of Levis to the post office?

2. What sum has been considered a fair amount by the Privy Council and which ought to be paid to the city of Levis for said water supply to said post office?

Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN:

1. \$6,109.23.

2. Their lordships stated that they saw no reason to question the finding of the courts below that \$300 did not constitute an excessive demand, but they did not themselves suggest any amount which they would consider fair.

MR. JOHN W. DAFOE.

*Mr. ARCHAMBAULT:

1. Did the Government pay the expenses of Mr. John W. Dafoe, of Winnipeg, for his trip overseas?

2. If so, what amounts have been paid already, and what bills have been sent to the Government by Mr. Dafoe, in relation to this trip?